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111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

**S. RES. 9**

Commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

JANUARY 7, 2009

Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. DEMINT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

MARCH 31, 2009

Reported by Mr. KERRY, without amendment

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**RESOLUTION**

Commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world.

Whereas the United States established diplomatic relations with the newly formed Polish Republic in April 1919;

Whereas the year 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of democracy in Poland, as well as the 20th anniversary of the fall of communism in Poland;

Whereas the year 2009 marks the 10th anniversary of Poland's accession to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

Whereas the year 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Educational Exchange Program in Poland;

Whereas Poland has overcome a legacy of foreign occupation and period of communist rule to emerge as a free and democratic nation;

Whereas Poland has strongly supported the United States diplomatically and militarily, as well as supporting United States-led efforts in combating global terrorism, and has contributed troops to the coalitions led by the United States in both Afghanistan and Iraq; and

Whereas Poland has cooperated closely with the United States on issues such as democratization, nuclear proliferation, human rights, regional cooperation in Eastern Europe, and reform of the United Nations: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) celebrates the 90th anniversary of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations;

3               (2) congratulates the Polish people on their great accomplishments as a free democracy; and

4               (3) expresses appreciation for Poland's steadfast partnership with the United States.



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